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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specifications

Pages 3-4, replace the paragraph bridging these pages, page 3 lines 14-17, page 4 lines 1-11, with a new paragraph as follows:

— — U.S. Patent No. 3,918,535 discloses arrangement of a preloaded compression spring in the force path between the axially displaceable percussion mechanism and the housing in order to increase the spacing between the operating points. The spring partially oscillatingly decouples the first axially displaceable

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